

Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council Meeting  
Jacksonville, FL  
January 26, 2006

PRESENT:

**NAME**

James Angle, Palm Harbor Special Fire Control Dist.  
William Bryson, Miami Fire Department  
Julie Downey, Davie Fire Rescue  
Les Hallman, South Walton Fire Dist.  
Jon Pasqualone, FL Fire Marshals and Inspectors Assoc.  
Michael Randolph, Tallahassee FD  
Shayne Stewart, Okaloosa Island Fire Dist.  
Charles "Scotty" Taylor Jr., Gainesville Fire Rescue  
Ron Williams, Lake County Vo-Tech

REPRESENTING:

FL Assoc. of Special Districts  
FL Fire Chiefs' Assoc.  
State Fire Marshal  
FL Fire Chiefs' Assoc.  
FL Fire Marshals & Inspectors Assoc.  
State Fire Marshal  
FL Professional Firefighters  
FL Professional Firefighters  
State Fire Marshal

ABSENT:

John Drago, City of Longwood  
Dave Harrawood, Emergency Services of Sarasota Co.  
Stockton Reeves VI, Insight Orlando

FL League of Cities  
FL Association of Counties  
State Fire Marshal

Chairman Randolph called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. On a motion duly made, the minutes from the Firefighters Employment, Standards and Training Council meeting held on October 14, 2005 were approved. Motion carried.

**REPORT FROM DIVISION:**

Division Director Randall Napoli advised that the organizational meeting of the Fire and Emergency Incident Information System Technical Advisory Panel will immediately follow this meeting.

Director Napoli gave an update on US DOT Pipeline high consequence area meeting. The meeting originally scheduled for December was postponed because US DOT wanted to conduct a higher level meeting in the State of Florida. He stated that many organizations are involved and the meeting will be rescheduled.

The Director addressed domestic security funding issues and stated that since the process changed, every State now competes for funding. He stated that we should know the amount that Florida will receive by June 06 and reviewed State spending procedures. Several cities including Miami, Ft. Lauderdale, Jacksonville, and Orlando will receive specific allocations in addition to what will be distributed across the entire State.

Director Napoli gave an update on the following rules:

FAC 69A-60.011, Formal Interpretations. Director Napoli reviewed the proposed rule and stated the workshop was held in December. The Fire Code Advisory Council is going to review the changes and make recommendations.

FAC 69A-46, Sprinkler Contractors. Director Napoli reviewed the rule and stated that a tagging system is now required during inspections to identify problems with sprinkler systems. He also addressed recalled sprinkler heads.

FAC 69A-58, Fire Safety in Educational Facilities. This rule is currently being revised. Department of Education requested that we put some of the provisions from SREF back into the rule. He also addressed new school construction and stated that there was severe opposition to the local fire official playing a bigger role in new school construction. It was decided that constituency groups along with the legislature will clarify the issue.

FAC 69A-47, Elevator keys. An elevator consultant was hired to assist with efforts. The workshop should be advertised within the next few weeks.

#### **REPORT FROM THE BUREAU:**

Bureau Chief Dave Casey addressed domestic security issues including funding, haz-mat, light-technical rescue, and task force teams meetings, and contracts. He stated that we recently received the contract from DCA for this funding cycle which ends in July. The majority of the funding will go directly to agencies that we have contracts for.

Chief Casey stated that the Building Official Association of Florida conducted classes at the Florida State Fire College last week and had a good turn-out.

Chief Casey addressed staff issues. There are vacancies in the Plantation Field Office and at the Florida State Fire College.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Assistant Superintendent Allen Lovvorn gave an update on the FCDICE credentialing system. He reviewed the different phases of the system and stated the most current phase allows applicants to apply for examinations and renew online for various certifications. The next phase will be for the Bureau of Fire Prevention for the licensing and classes for fire protection equipment dealers. He stated that we are experiencing problems merging all systems together and asked users to advise of any issues they may have. He also requested that users make sure their online profile is updated. Discussion was held on system training and it was advised that training manuals are available.

Chief Casey reviewed online testing. He stated that the contract is with Promissor and reviewed the process for applications, locations and examination results. Discussion was held on transcripts and renewals.

Chief Casey reviewed the Live Fire Training Law, which is currently being revised. Discussion was held on locating all the fire departments in the State.

Chief Casey reviewed the new medical form and stated that it is available for use.

Chief Casey advised that verbiage in the FFOSHA rule was corrected to read “remediation plan.”

Discussion was held on the Health and Safety Officer voluntary certification. Chief Casey stated that a couple of the recommended courses are being developed. Council Member James Angle reviewed the intent of this program. Staff will bring information back to the council.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Fire College Instructor Buck Tomlinson gave an update on the Live Fire Instructor pilot course for internal review. He stated that participants included individuals from the development and course design team. The next course, external review, will be held February 24 and will be invitation only. Chief Casey reviewed the intent of the external review. Discussion was held on initial training and train-the-trainers.

Chief Casey reviewed the intent of the Live Fire adjunct, procedures and safety issues. He stated there will be a pre-reading assignment.

Chief Casey stated that the inspections of the Training Centers are complete and reviewed results. He stated that staff will work with the individual training centers to develop plans to bring them to compliance. Discussion was held on remediation plans. (full report will be sent to council members)

Chief Casey stated that staff is working on Firefighter I and II program revisions. There will be an effort made to increase practical elements in the Firefighter I program to make it a stronger element. Discussion was held on instructor credentials for wildland elements, current firefighters and additional hours of training. Director Napoli stated the Training Directors will make recommendations on practical skills tests.

The Field Operation Guides (FOGs) are being reprinted. Chief Casey stated that in addition to the current format, it will be available in an electronic format as well as a full page printed version. He also addressed the Structural Collapse Awareness program and stated that 8 CEU's are being awarded to Inspector renewals for taking the 16-hour program.

The Instructor Workshop was held in the fall of 2005. Chief Casey stated that it went well and suggestions were made to hold it in the Spring. It is being considered to overlap with the Standards Workshop.

Director Napoli addressed communication issues with the fire service. He asked the Council to assist with providing information to the departments through their channels. Discussion was held on efforts made to identify fire department addresses.

Chief Casey announced that the Confined Space Trailer is on display at Fire Rescue East.

Discussion was held on the FFOSHA rule and December 31, 2005 deadline for volunteer exemptions. Chief Casey reviewed the exemption and “trained commensurate to duty” requirements.

Council Member Ron Williams distributed copies of the recommended recipient of the Training Center of the Year Award from the Florida Fire Training Directors Association. On a motion duly made, the Council accepted the recommendation of Gulf Coast Community College to receive the award. Motion Carries.

### **AUDIENCE**

George Vessler, Training Officer for Seminole Fire Rescue addressed medical screening and safety issues. The Council advised that the FFCA Safety and Health Committee is addressing these issues and invites anyone to attend the meetings.

A plaque was awarded to Michael Randolph acknowledging his service on the Council since 1996. Council Chairman Michael Randolph retired from the Tallahassee Fire Department on December 31, 2005 and will no longer be able to serve on the Council. Council members thanked Mike for his service on the Council.

A plaque was awarded to Shayne Stewart acknowledging his service on the Council since 1996. Council Vice-Chairman Shayne Stewart was promoted and will no longer be able to service in the capacity of Firefighter member. Council members thanked Shayne for his service on the Council.

On a motion duly made the Council decided to wait until the next meeting for officer elections. Motion carries.

### **NEXT MEETING**

April 17, 2006, 3:00 PM  
Tallahassee, FL

### **ADJOURN**